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On the basis of the government's report on acreage and condition, the winter wheat crop of 1905 will amount to 460,000,000 bushels. This is far larger than any crop gathered along to this time. The winter wheat yield of 1904 was 332,000,000 bushels and that of 1903 was 399,000,000. The largest wheat crop ever harvested to the present day was in 1902, which was 411,000,000 bushels, or 49,000,000 under that promised for this year. From the present outlook the aggregate wheat yield of 1905 will break all records. The condition of spring wheat, despite the backward weather throughout much of the producing states, is fully up to the average of recent years. The aggregate wheat harvest of the past few years was 748,000,000 bushels in 1901, 670,000,000 in 1902, 637,000,000 in 1903 and 552,000,000 in 1904. The winter wheat outlook is so much better this year than ever before there is a chance that 1901's harvest, which was the highest record, will be beaten in the present year. All the indications promise a new "highest" for 1905 in the wheat roundup. Wheat is not the most valuable of the country's grain crops. Corn has that distinction. The value of the 1904 yield of wheat, as estimated on the farm by the department of agriculture for December 1 of that year, was \$510,000,000, while the corn crop was worth \$1,087,000,000 at that date.

J. Pluvius is no respecter of localities when he has a chance to drench a crowd of picnickers. Apparently he takes as much delight in sprinkling the grey hairs of the hardy pioneer as he does in dampening the locks of the bonny Scot. There was no Caledonian picnic in Athena this year, so the rain maker placed his hand over the sun and drenched the pioneers at Weston. Despite Jupiter's efforts to keep people away, the annual picnic of the Umatilla County Pioneers at Weston was a success. The program which was one of the most interesting and complete in the history of the association, was rendered before large and appreciative audiences, and Saturday afternoon the town was taxed to its utmost capacity to accommodate the visitors.

The "gas grab" in Philadelphia—and the gas grab of Portland—what of them? Portland is not as big as Philadelphia, but here is a gas grab, too. In Portland the gas grab is even worse than the gas grab in Philadelphia, because the gas grab in Portland has

a perpetual franchise. And this franchise, as you might expect, is in the hands of the "first families" of Portland. It tears up the streets without anybody's leave. It is a branch of the first-family ownership of the town. There is no regulation. It pays not one dime for the use of the streets. The reigning families deem the streets of Portland and all they can make out of them their own proper inheritance.—Portland Oregonian.

Any self-propelled vehicle is at a disadvantage compared with a horse-drawn vehicle when it comes to a muddy road. This was demonstrated afresh in the run of the Eastern automobilists to St. Louis. A motor car will stick helplessly and hopelessly in mud through which horses would haul a wagon with comparative ease. Horses have a purchase on the ground beneath the mud; the driving wheels of the motor car revolve ineffectually and the machinery becomes clogged with mud. This is evidently the weak spot in the horseless vehicle proposition. Whether the ingenuity and skill which are now being exercised in the development of automobiles will find a remedy for the mud evil remains to be seen. If not, the motor car must remain a fair weather vehicle—in other words, a plaything rather than a practical utility.

If it is true, as reported, that President Roosevelt and Attorney General Moody are displeased because Judge Gilbert, of the ninth circuit of the United States court designated Judge De Haven to sit during the trial of Senator Mitchell and Congressman Hermann and Williamson, indicted for complicity in land frauds in Oregon, the a strange tinge of persecution will be given the case, observes the Walla Walla Union.

The Baker City Herald, under the management of E. P. Dodd of the Pendleton Tribune, is on our exchange table. Our guess is that the Herald this time has come to stay. Mr. Dodd, manager, Mr. Pruitt editor and Mr. Schuerman advertising solicitor are well known hustlers in the Umatilla county newspaper field and are winners.

Adams will pull a feather or two from the tail of the great American bird and celebrate in grand style on July 4th. Adams is perhaps the only town in the county that will celebrate this year. Good! Let the word go down the line.

SUNDAY LAWS.

(Portland Telegram.)
The action of Governor Folk, of Missouri, in closing the saloons of St. Louis on Sunday, and the action of the restaurant keepers in closing their places of business out of sympathy for the saloon keepers, opens up once more the question of Sunday legislation. Strange as it may seem, the strict observance of Sunday as a day in which men must be careful not to enjoy themselves too well is comparatively modern. Even John Calvin, stern as he was in theology, had little superstition bearing on this day. Martin Luther openly advocated using the day for a good time, and his sentiment was one which had been learned while in the mother church. The movement to make Sunday a day of strict observance was born of the Puritans, though there may have been small sects, or individual men before their time who advocated such observances. But we may place the

main responsibility on the Puritans. The Puritans originally were members of the Church of England, who desired to see the spirit of religion, as they understood it, the dominant factor in human life. They did not believe that a man should be religious one day and irreligious during the rest of the week. They thought that religion and life went together, or should go together, hand in hand. It was a noble idea, and in the early days of the movement the Puritan church had much to commend it. Men like Edmund Spencer and John Milton were not bigots. They did not believe in making this life a vale of tears. A careful reading of Milton's prose will reveal that in some respects at least he was not only ahead of his time, but that he was ahead of our time. But Puritanism began to harden, and at last it became the narrow, intolerant thing which people are more or less familiar with through common report.

Religion and life must now go hand in hand, but people must feel that pleasure in life is displeasing to God. And so the theatre and music, the playing of games, the dance and half a hundred other things were stamped as wrong. It was a sin to read novels even. And poetry, too, came under the ban. To make life as disagreeable as possible, Sunday laws were instituted to make this day the gloomiest of the week, though the rest of the days were bad enough. On Sunday a man was allowed to breathe, and he was compelled to go to church. And these two things—breathing and churchgoing—were about the only things it was permissible for a man to do on this day. It was a sin for a man to take a walk or do anything for pleasure; sinful even if he did nothing more than look on a green field or kiss his wife on that day. Laws for the observance of Sunday were made stringent, and were rigorously enforced.

The people of our time have outgrown much of the intolerance, much of the fanaticism of these early Puritans. Sunday is more rationally regarded everywhere. Nevertheless, every Sunday law on the statute book, and every demand that it made in favor of closing up saloons and places of amusement on this day, are echoes of that oldtime sentiment that Sunday is too holy a day for man to enjoy himself in.

No man may bring forward any logical reason for a strict observance of Sunday. Sunday is not the Sabbath that the Old Testament commands that the Jews shall keep holy. That day was our Saturday. There is nothing in advocacy of Sunday laws or Sunday observance to be found in the Bible. It was originally a Pagan day, a day in honor of the sun-god and the Christians adopted it, as they adopted a good many other Pagan things, for the reason that they followed the lines of least resistance. But the time has come for men to know the truth about Sunday. It is time to resist the intolerance, the bigotry and often the unscrupulous ferocity of those who would bring back once more an atmosphere of dyspepsia and liver complaint for our day of rest.

A TRIBUTE TO DEMOCRACY.

(Spokesman-Review.)
European royalties are nearly all large investors in American securities. Railway stocks are the favorites. The czar has some \$6,000,000 in Pennsylvania, New York Central and other roads. Emperor William, the kaiser, and his sons own together about \$8,000,000 of the same gilt edge shares. Queen Victoria derived \$700,000 annually from railways and industrial. King Edward's American friends have long been "putting him next" to many good things in the stock market. King Leopold scans the American list anxiously every morning and is a regular student of American financial journals. He is a big buyer of railway shares and eastern mining stocks. Queen Christian of Spain has for years held \$3,000,000 worth of United States treasury bonds, which she was too wise to sacrifice to sentiment during the Spanish-American war. The queen of Holland has transferred her father's large investment in Standard Oil to American railway stocks.

But the luckiest speculator in "Americans" is said to be King George of Greece. This sovereign, who was a sailor in the Danish navy when elected to the impetuous Greek throne, began his present immense fortune by a happy deal in grain on the Chicago board of trade at the time of the war between Russia and Turkey 23 years ago. Through his agents in this country he then cleaned up more than a million, which has since been multiplied many times by successful buying of American railway stocks.

The list might be made much longer. It is a remarkable showing. With all the European fear of Republicanism, which is constantly throwing every court into spasms of terror, the royalties thus pass a unanimous vote of confidence in American institutions, laws and business enterprise. So uneasy are the majority of these monarchs on their thrones that they do not dare keep their securities in any bank or safety vault within their realms, but in almost every case deposit them with the bank of England. This is another tribute to Anglo-Saxon regard for law and order. Here is pretty good evidence that the long enjoyment of free speech and free government among the English speaking people has built a broad and stable foundation for commercial and social prosperity.

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